

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORM- ING AN ARTICLE AND PERFORMING A SECONDARY OPERATION IN-SITU

Abstract

An apparatus and a method for forming an article and performing a secondary operation on the article in-situ. The apparatus includes a closure and a die having a cavity. A source of pressurized gas forces a portion of a sheet into contact with a forming surface having a predetermined shape. A tool is movably connected to the apparatus and is configured to engage the sheet to perform a secondary operation while the sheet is held in compression between the closure and the die.